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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Lieven J. STUYVER.) Group Art Unit: 1623
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Application No.: 10/045,292) Examiner: Traviss C. McIntosh, III
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Filed: October 18, 2001) Confirmation No.: 4833
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For: MODIFIED NUCLEOSIDES FOR)
THE TREATMENT OF VIRAL)
INFECTIONS AND ABNORMAL)
CELLULAR PROLIFERATION)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In an Office Action dated April 19, 2006, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the following groups of claims:

- I. Claims 1, 2, and 44, allegedly drawn to methods of treating viral infections using compounds of formula Ia, classified in class 514, subclass 49.
- II. Claims 1, 3, and 44, allegedly drawn to methods of treating viral infections using compounds of formula Ib, classified in class 514, subclass 45.
- III. Claims 1 and 44, allegedly drawn to methods of treating viral infections using compounds of formula Ic, classified in class 514, subclass 43.
- IV. Claims 1, 4, and 44, allegedly drawn to methods of treating viral infections using compounds of formula IIa, classified in class 514, subclass 49.